आकार-ग्रत कोयला चाहने वाले उपभोक्ताओं के लिए कोयला रखरखाव सयंत्र स्थापित करना तथा कोयले में राख अंश कम करने के उद्देश्य से इस्पात क्षेत्र का परिष्करण ।

Absorption of IAS owcers in Public Sector Undertakings

1406. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA:

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the policy of Government in regard to absorption of IAS officers in public sector undertakings;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals proposes to appoint IAS officers in Bengal Immunity Limited and SSPL, Calcutta in violation of normal rules;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whetner any responsibility has been fixed for poer performance in such cases; and

(e) whether Government are of the view that bureaucrats fair better in public sector than the professionals?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The Policy of the Government regarding absorption of IAS officers in Public Sector Undertakings is that the IAS officers have to resign from their service before they get permanantly absorbed in the Public Sector Undertakings.

(b) to (e) Considering the special circumstances prevailing in these companies and the fact that suitable candidates from the open market have not been available, a decision has been taken to appoint persons from the organised services as Managing Director for a period of 3 to 4 years on deputation basis. Selection shall, however, be made through the Public Enterprises Selection Board as in other cases.

Mafia gangs in Bokaro Colliery

1407. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the "Sunday Statesman" of April 24th, 1988 to the effect that 7 Labourers have been killed in Bokaro Colliery area because of revilries; and

(b) what action Government propose to take against the mafia operating in collieries so that, the production goes on unhampered and the large scale pilferage of coal is prevented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir. The colliery in question is owned by M|s. TISCO which is not a Govt. company.

(b) It is essentially for the State Governments to tackle the criminal elements commonly referred to as 'mafia'. However, managements of the coal companies closely coordinate action with the local State Government agencies to curb their activities. While the State Governments arrange for adeqaute policing of the coal mining areas, the companies have been advised to tighten their procedures for awarding contracts and to regulate the value of contract and also the number of contracts to any particular individual. They have also been advised to have the antecedents of the tenderers verified in consultation with the State Governments before awarding the contracts. Periodic transfers and rotation of Personnel occupying sensitive positions. formation of credit societies to eliminate money-lenders and promotion of cooperatives of ex-servicemen for internal transportation work are other important steps that are being taken in this connection.